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SUBJECT: GRAIN SALES TO CHINA

1. ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE EMBASSY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AUDISIO, SHIPMENTS OF ARGENTINE GRAIN TO CHINA IN 1975 TOTALED 140,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND 30,000 TONS OF CORN. AUDISIO SAID HE EXPECTS A VISIT BY THE ARGENTINE WHEAT BOARD TO CHINA LATER THIS YEAR WITH POSSIBLE SALES OF BOTH WHEAT AND CORN TOTALING A MAXIMUM OF 200,000 TONS. DESPITE THE SMALL SIZE OF AUSTRALIA'S RECENT WHEAT SALE TO THE PRC (PEKING 0174), AUDISIO BELIEVES THE CHINESE ARE STILL INTERESTED IN PURCHASING GRAIN FROM HIS COUNTRY THIS YEAR.

2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 3 CANADIAN COMMERCIAL SECRETARY CRUMMER TOLD USLO THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD (CWB) IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING IN "ABOUT ONE WEEK." CUMMER SAID THE CWB EXPECTS PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS PLANNED TO REMAIN IN PEKING FOR TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH. BASED ON THE AUSTRALIAN'S EXPERIENCE CUMMER BELIEVES CANADIAN

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SALES WILL TOTAL ABOUT HALF OF THE 1.8 MILLION TONS

MINIMUM PROVIDED FOR IN THE FINAL YEAR OF THE CANADIAN'S
LONG-TERM AGREEMENT.
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